

THE ANNUAL REPORT

For the year 1943² of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the DEPWADE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Harleston. July 1943.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Twenty-ninth Annual Report on your Sanitary District.

In accordance with the instructions from the Ministry of Health this is an interim Report pending the issue of a final Report later.

The area of your District is 79,742 acres.
Resident Population (1942), 18,130.
Number of inhabited houses, 1931 census, 5,087.
Number of families and separate occupiers, 1931 census, 4920.
Rateable Value, £44,925.
Sum represented by 1d. rate £200 (approximately).

Births: Legitimate, 138 Males, 130 Females. Total 268.
 Illegitimate 7 " 5 " " 12.
 Stillbirths 5 " 4 " " 9.

Total Births, 280. Birth rate, 15.44 per 1,000.

Total Deaths, 201. Death rate, 11.08 " " .

Stillbirths, rate per 1,000 total births, 32.14.

Percentage of total Deaths occurring in Public Institutions 37.81.

Deaths from Puerperal causes: Nil.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age: 3 Males, 9 Females.
 Illegitimate, Nil.

Total per 1,000 births, 42.78.

Deaths from Measles (all ages), 0.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages), 0.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years), 0.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

These remain as in the Report of 1938.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

<u>WATER.</u> Samples submitted to Public Analyst.	18
Definitely found dangerous to health.	2
Found to be of poor quality only.	1
Submitted for bacteriological examination and found to be fit for drinking.	1

MILK PRODUCTION.

Milk (Special Designations) Orders.

"Accredited" Licences granted.	72
" " " suspended.	2
Transferred to "T.T" Licence.	1

Samples taken for Methylene blue test.	198
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" " " biological examination for T.B.	122
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Samples for T.B. giving positive results.	7
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Milk & Dairies Orders.

New applications have been received for Registration, and premises have been visited and necessary works of adaptation or improvement inspected.

Samples for Methylene Blue test taken from non-designated producers.	4
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Samples for biological examination for T.B. taken from non-designated producers and giving negative results.	3
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MEAT. Number of carcasses inspected at Government Slaughterhouse at Harleston. 1,945
Weight of meat condemned as unfit for human consumption. 160'cwts.

HOUSING. The routine repair and maintenance of the Council's cottages were carried out as far as circumstances permitted. Complaints under the Public Health and Housing Acts have been dealt with and remedied by informal action.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is issued by the County Laboratory, 29, Thorpe Road, Norwich. Supplies are charged to the Medical Practitioners, but the cost is repaid by the District Council if the patient is unable to pay.

<u>Diphtheria Immunisation.</u>	<u>Under 5</u>	<u>Between 5 & 15.</u>
Approximate estimated number of children in the Authority's area at 31.Dec.1942.	1500	3250
Percentage of child population immunised at 31 December 1942.	36.6%	50.5%

No case of Malaria, or Trench Fever has occurred during the year. One case of Dysentery occurred. No swabs were examined for Diphtheria.

No vaccinations were done by the M.O.H.

Scabies. Number of cases notified from various sources. 67.
" " receiving Institutional treatment. 18.

Printed instructions as to the proper course to adopt is distributed to every house where a case is known to have occurred and, where necessary, fumigation of bedding is carried out.

There has been no serious outbreak of notifiable infectious diseases. Investigations were carried out in respect of 29 cases of Scarlet fever, 3 cases of Diphtheria, 6 cases of Pulmonary T.B. 38 disinfections were carried out. As far as could be traced none of the above cases was due to the influx of evacuees.

19 cases were removed to Isolation Hospitals.

Once again I take this opportunity of thanking Mr.Bowden for his invaluable assistance to me during the year, and also Mr. Burrows for his co-operation.

Thanking you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen for your continued support and courtesy.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

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